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ANNUAL MEETING

Final plans for the annual meeting October 2 and 3 in Newport and Providence, R. I., are being completed. On Thursday night preceding the meeting, the Committee for Historic Preservation will have a special meeting with its Chairman, Mrs. Francis B. Crowninshield. Registration will be open that evening at the headquarters in the Viking Hotel, and staff members will be present for consultation.

The business session will be held Friday morning from 10 to 12 in the Art Association building, followed by an illustrated lecture on the architecture of Rhode Island. Lunch will be served at the Clambake Club, where Mrs. George Henry Warren, President of the Preservation Society of Newport County, will extend welcoming greetings. Open house will be held in some of the notable early buildings in the afternoon tour.

The seventh annual dinner will be held at 8 p.m. at *The Breakers,* summer residence of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, and now open to the public as a museum of the Preservation Society through the courtesy of his daughter, the Countess Szechenyi. Sir Edward Keeling, M.P., of the English National Trust, will be a principal speaker, and David E. Finley, Chairman of the Board, will preside.

Saturday morning from 9 to 11:45 the regular Preservation Forum will be held with a panel of experts and discussion from the floor; Frederick L. Rath, Jr., the Director, will preside. Buses will leave for Providence at 1 p.m. where a tour has been planned under the guidance of the Rhode Island Historical Society. A reception will follow and buses will return the members to the Providence Railroad Station at 5:30 p.m.

Invitations and reservation blanks will be sent out well before the meeting to all Trust members and delegates of member organizations.

WOODLAWN PLANTATION GARDEN

Restoration of the grounds and gardens of *Woodlawn Plantation,* Mount Vernon, Va., has been selected as the major project of the Garden Club of Virginia, to be financed from the fund raised during 1953 Historic Garden Week. This year's gross receipts of $37,744 from the garden tours were the largest in the history of this annual event.

The Restoration Committee recommended the *Woodlawn* project at the annual meeting of the Club held in Roanoke and it was unanimously adopted by the membership. They also voted to build two small summer houses to complete the garden restoration at *Gunston Hall,* undertaken in previous years, and to initiate the *Woodlawn* restoration. Among other major historic gardens restored by the Garden Club are *Stratford, Kenmore, Monticello, Milton* and *Woodrow Wilson Birthplace.*

Alden Hopkins was named by the Club as landscape architect to collaborate with the National Trust staff at *Woodlawn.* Mr. Hopkins, resident landscape architect of Colonial Williamsburg, was in charge of two major restorations of the Garden Club of Virginia, *Gunston Hall* and the gardens of the University of Virginia. He holds a Master's degree in landscape architecture from Harvard University, studied at the American Academy in Rome, and won the Prix de Rome.

The Restoration Committee is a member organization of the National Trust. The chairman is Mrs. Frank J. Gilliam, and the other members are Mrs. Walter Robinson, Mrs. Henry Fairfax, Mrs. H. McK. Smith, Mrs. Charles Holden, Mrs. Edmund Strudwick, Mrs. J. Gordon Smith, Mrs. C. James Andrews, Mrs. James O. Watts, Jr., and Mrs. A. Edwin Kendrew.

A.I.A. PRESERVATION

Earl H. Reed, chairman of the newly-reactivated Committee on Preservation of Historic Buildings of the American Institute of Architects has just issued its first annual report. More than 40 preservation officers have been appointed to foster preservation in their respective areas, and to work on the nationwide inventory of significant structures worthy of preservation. This inventory will extend and supplement the Historic American Buildings Survey which concentrated on pre-Civil War structures, and structures in danger of destruction. The new survey will extend to 1900, the Victorian era, and the age of steel. George E. Pettengill, Librarian of the Institute, is the author of "A.I.A. in the Preservation Movement" in the June issue of the *Journal.*

The Committee and its regional officers have worked closely with the National Trust in protesting the threatened destruction of notable buildings. Among the outstanding losses of the year in this first annual report in Chicago alone, are Fairbank, U. S. Express and U. S. Appraiser's Buildings, St. Peter's Church, St. Stephen's Church and the McCormick mansion. Sullivan's Revell Building and Wacker warehouse have been wrecked, and the Gage and Schlesinger stores disfigured.

The Breakers, Newport, R. I. (Hopf)

PROPOSED PRESERVATION

Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y.—The 288-year-old Van Cortlandt Manor house, after having been on the National Trust "critical list" for several years, has been purchased by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and plans for its permanent preservation are now being made.

Galena, Ill.—After more than 6 years of being on the Trust "critical list" the town's historic Market House has received a $25,000 appropriation for initial work on a $75,000 restoration from the state of Illinois. The building was designed by Father Samuel Mazzuchelli in 1847 and is considered among the finest surviving examples of the Greek revival structures in the state.

New York, N. Y.—"Squalid courthouses sooner or later make for shabby justice" was one of the arguments advanced by advocates of a $2,250,000 fund to reface the 120-year old City Hall. Marble has been crumbling away from the face of the French Renaissance and colonial structure since 1948 and immediate repairs are regarded as essential if the building is to be saved, or more costly reconstruction avoided.

Wailuku, Maui, T. H.—Inez Ashdown, territorial commissioner for historic sites has reported progress in preservation of a few of the many historic sites on the island of Maui. Outstanding in the restorations was that of the clearing and rebuilding of the old walls of the Hawaiian School (1830), by George Kanwai Piilani, who owns the land on which it stands. An inventory of others is being prepared and a list of 30 worthy of having historical markers has already been compiled.

West Barnstable, Mass.—A drive for $10,000 to complete restoration of the two-century-old West Parish Meeting House is under way on Cape Cod under auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. A fund of $40,000 is already on hand to restore the 1717 church, the oldest building of the Congregational denomination in the country.

Garnett, Kansas—Representatives of the Capper Publications have visited the town where U. S. Senator Arthur Capper was born, to confer with local civic organizations on a program for preservation of his birthplace.

Sandwich, Mass.—This old Cape Cod town where the famous Sandwich glass was made in the early nineteenth century is planning a memorial to the American glass industry in that city. Under the auspices of the Sandwich Historical Society, 25 representatives of the American Glassware Association met in that city to plan for the restoration of the old glassworks. The 25-acre site has already been acquired.

Atoka County, Okla.—Boggy Depot, at one time the metropolis of the county has been proposed as a State Park and Historical Site in a bill introduced by State Senator Henry Cooper.

Trophy Room. *Sagamore Hill*, 1902. The presidential residence on Oyster Bay, Long Island, was opened to the public this summer under the auspices of the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Association. Pach Bros.

A FITTING MONUMENT

On July 24, 1953, Frederick Law Olmsted, one of America's most distinguished landscape architects, city planners and conservationists, will reach the age of 83. Plans have been made and funds are now being collected through the Save-the-Redwoods League (114 Sansome St., San Francisco) to establish a 40-acre grove of redwood trees in Prairie Creek Redwood State Park, California, to be dedicated on that date and known as the Frederick Law Olmsted Grove.

To save a group of the giant redwoods, *Sequoia Sempervirens* as a living and enduring memorial to the man who preserved and developed so much beauty for his country is a fitting memorial. The more so, as his father, the world-known landscape architect who designed Central Park in New York, and park systems for Boston, Chicago and Washington, D. C., among others, was one of the first to urge preservation of the great trees. Under President Lincoln, Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr., was instrumental in having Yosemite Valley established as the first state park in the Union in 1864, and served as its first Commissioner.

The redwoods which have survived for 20 centuries are a small remaining portion of a magnificent natural wonder of coastal California, and their existence is in continuous jeopardy. As Edwin Markham said in urging their preservation, "These great trees belong to the silence and millenniums. They seem, indeed, to be forms of immortality, standing there among the transitory shapes of time."

H. D. B.

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DEBIT AND CREDIT

Traffic experts for great expressways or village main streets are faced with increasing problems in the "hardening of our traffic arteries." Some seek the solution by demanding rights-of-way in small city parks, beautiful scenic parkways, or ruthless cutting of fine old shade trees and widening of old and historic streets. As the big expressway pours its volume of traffic into cities and towns that had an earlier and more tranquil way of life, demand grows for more space to park cars—and so the vicious circle goes to a point where one wonders how much of the American heritage will survive after we have first met the demand for speedways and parking lots.

As a countervail to the dreary and repetitive story which comes our way from every section of the country, we occasionally get a bright bit of news. From our Trustee, Newton B. Drury, Chief of the Division of Beaches and Parks of the Department of Natural Resources of California, we learned that Frank B. Durkee, Director of Public Works, working through the Division of Highways, is making a special effort to insure the preservation of historic sites and buildings in its development program. Among the buildings recently saved by such action is the Caledonia Inn (1840) near San Miguel.

Many who have had no interest in the patriotic, cultural or aesthetic pleas for preservation have come to realize, through the efforts of those who have such interest, that preservation is good business. Many a reluctant business man in a colonial city who objected to the restriction that prevented him from neon-lighting and modernizing the facade of his fine old building has come to find that preservation actually pays.

We need to search no farther than our own records of members' progress to find that sound preservation of old and historic areas, in a country where "tourism" is one of the biggest industries, pays, not only in aesthetic values, but in cold, hard cash:

On May 29, the Old Salem Trustees set a new goal for their restoration project after learning that the current $500,000 campaign had been topped by $64,176. The new goal is for $750,000 for the long-range program of restoring the Old Salem area of Winston-Salem, N. C., in time for its bi-centennial in 1956. In addition to contributions from business men and citizens, descendants of early founders have been generous. The president of the local airlines has agreed to complete restoration and furnishing of the Old Salem Tavern. A traffic survey has been made to divert heavy traffic from the area; and last year alone, about 25,000 persons visited the Moravian city. The Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce held a meeting at which they presented certificates of appreciation to the officers and Trustees of Old Salem, because, "We owe you a great debt of gratitude for your work in making the Old Salem restoration a reality."

Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth, Mass., issued its fifth report of progress in April, and an amazing record it is, from recounting the fact that its millionth visitor passed through its reproduction of an early Pilgrim House within four years of its completion, to its announcement that the state has granted them the right to reproduce the First Fort and Meetinghouse on the state reservation south of Plymouth Rock. They conclude with an acknowledgement to that million who passed through this historic monument and to the countless thousands who made it possible, by quoting from Governor William Bradford, ". . . as one candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled has shown many, yea in some sort, to our whole nation."

Historic Annapolis, but one year old this June, issued a two page summary of remarkable accomplishment, totalling in all 18 records of restoration activities, including adoption by the city of a model zoning ordinance to protect the old and historic area.

The National Trust with its program to help local communities establish sound preservation programs, is engaged in the compilation of these success stories. If you know one, please send us a report. We plan to use it, not in preaching to the converted who are dedicated to a preservation program on cultural and patriotic reasons, but to those who must see a more tangible reward. H. D. B.

BOARD MEETING

At the spring meeting of the Board of Trustees, officers were elected for a three-year term. David E. Finley was elected chairman, General U. S. Grant, 3rd, and Mrs. Francis B. Crowninshield vice chairmen, Ronald F. Lee, secretary and C. F. Jacobsen, treasurer. Frederick L. Rath, Jr., was reappointed director, and Henry H. Surface administrator. Following the business meeting the Board was entertained by Mrs. Truxtun Beale at historic Decatur House, which she plans to bequeath to the Trust.

ACTIVE PRESERVATION

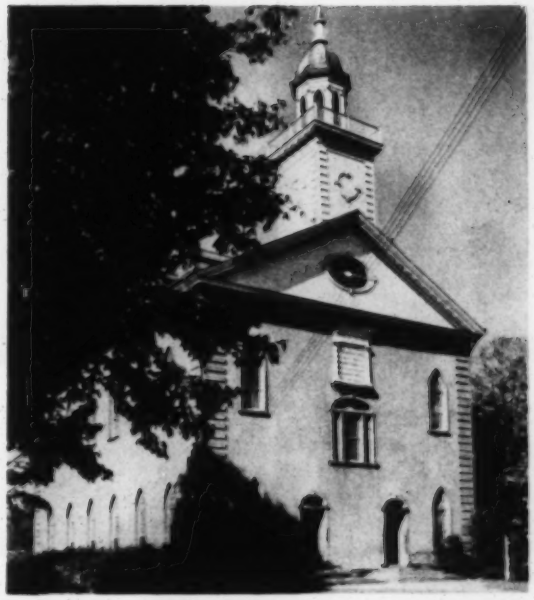
Charlottesville, Va.—The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation has authorized the renovation of his famous Albemarle county home at a cost of $250,000. Proposed repairs include the installation of central heating, air conditioning, exterior transparent weatherproofing of the old brick walls and general structural reinforcement. Basement rooms to be restored and later opened to the public include the famous wine and beer cellars. Dr. Julian P. Boyd, editor of *The Papers of Thomas Jefferson*, who is now abroad on that project, is planning to visit the notable old vineyards where the connoisseur of the White House bought wines for himself and fellow Virginians, George Washington, James Madison, and James Monroe. Old casks and bottles will be purchased there to refit the cellars. Jefferson was not a stranger to airconditioning, having made some unsuccessful experiments on this score at *Poplar Forest*, his summer retreat in Bedford County. Frank Houston, president, reports it may be necessary to close the house from November 1 to April 1, 1954, while repairs are made, but the grounds will be kept open. Last year 200,000 persons visited *Monticello*.

Columbia, Tenn.—The president of a phosphate company which bought an old Columbia plantation for its headquarters, is renovating the old mansion, *Rattle and Snap*, for his own residence. The house was built in 1845 by George Polk, a relative of the president, and is supposed to owe its name to the rapidity with which it changed owners several times in one night in its early days.

Clatsop County, Ore.—Clatsop County Historical Society has just received an additional gift from a former resident of Astoria to be expended in further restoration of the old Flavel House as a county museum. It will be used chiefly in exterior painting, as interior work is now being completed.

Fort Tejon, Kern County, Calif.—Last year's Tehachapi earthquake tumbled more of the ruined adobe walls and other vestiges of the old Indian outpost in Grapevine Canyon, established in 1854. However, restoration of the barracks, officers' quarters, adobe walls, smoke house and other features of the fort are nearing completion under a joint program of local citizens, the Kern County Historical Society, and the state.

Winchester, Va.—The Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society with an appropriation from the city, and some of its own restoration funds, is restoring *Abram's Delight*, a fine old limestone dwelling built by Abraham Hollingsworth in 1753. The city owns the house and has arranged for its restoration and use by the society. The local Garden Clubs have donated a fund to redevolop the terraced flower garden when the work on the building is complete.



Kirtland Temple, Kirtland, Mo. Built 1833, this church has been preserved by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a Trust member organization. They have a special committee concerned with preservation of the temples of the church's early years.

Mystic, Conn.—At the Mystic Marine Museum the famous square-rigged sailing ship, the *Joseph Conrad*, is being reconditioned by the General Dynamics Corporation, to permit the museum to continue its use as a training ship for American boys and girls in the nearby area.

Greenbush, Wis.—Ceremonies in which Carl Sandburg and Jennie Tourel participated marked the dedication of the Old Wade House under the sponsorship of the Kohler Foundation. It was one of the last of Wisconsin's old taverns and a stage-coach stop on the old plank road from Sheboygan to Fond du Lac.

Staten Island, N. Y.—Acquisition of 1100 acres needed to round out the Fresh Kills land area, and provide some 26 sites for the restoration of historic buildings in Richmondtown, was authorized by a unanimous vote of the Board of Estimate in May. This major restoration project is under the direction of a Trust member, the Staten Island Historical Society.

Havana, Cuba.—On the site where Dr. Walter Reed engaged in experiments leading to the eradiction of yellow fever, a public park was dedicated recently, in the presence of leading medical men of Cuba and America. Miss Louise Wood, his daughter, attended as a guest of the Cuban government. The park was named for Jesse Lazear, who directed the experiments.

Sibley, Kansas—From June 22-27 a pageant was held commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase against a background provided by the restored blockhouse and factor's building at Fort Osage.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

The restored "Lucky" Baldwin Casino, Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, Calif.

At Federal Hall Memorial on Wall Street, the John Peter Zenger Memorial Room was dedicated in honor of the colonial printer whose trial for libel two centuries ago marked a significant step in the history of a free press. Dioramas have been installed portraying the Zenger printing office in 1735 as the *New York Weekly Journal* was about to come off the press, the official burning of the issues of the *Journal* for sedition, Zenger in jail, and the court room scene when Andrew Hamilton, the Philadelphia lawyer, defended Zenger. The dioramas were made in the museum laboratory of the National Park Service under the direction of Ned J. Burns, head of the service's museum branch.

The administrator of the American National Trust, Henry H. Surface, and the secretary of the English National Trust, J. W. F. Rathbone, conferred in London on the problems of preservation during the recent visit of Mr. Surface to Europe. Mr. Rathbone pointed out, from his Trust's half century of experience, the dangers of over-expansion and of attempting to preserve economically unsound projects which sap the financial resources of the healthy ones. He advised careful consideration of the possibilities in any proposed preservation and emphasized the importance of doing a single project well, rather than several badly.

Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, vice president of the Trust, presented a gold medal to the late Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman, Pulitzer-prize winning author of the biography of General Robert E. Lee, and of a history of Lee's lieutenants. It was the first award from the Civil War Round Table; and in receiving it, the Confederate historian urged study of the neglected field of the careers of Union army generals, stating that the common characteristic of the leadership of both forces was devotion to high honor and ideals.

From July 18 through Aug. 30 Old Sturbridge Village, Mass., will present a music-play production of Stephen Vincent Benet's *The Devil and Daniel Webster* in the 1600-seat amphitheatre. It will be presented every night except Mondays during the season.

Sidewheeler Saga: a Chronicle of Steamboating by Ralph Nading-Hill tells the exciting story of the battle to save the famous old *Ticonderoga*, which was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. J. Watson Webb for Shelburne Museum, Vt. The *Ticonderoga* is a museum of steamboating, and also carries passengers on cruises on Lake Champlain. The July 6 issue of *Life* magazine contains a color-illustrated article on Shelburne.

A dinner was given this spring to honor National Trust treasurer, C. J. Jacobsen, President of the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, D. C., on the completion of 50 years of continuous service to that institution.

At the invitation of Colonial Williamsburg, President Eisenhower, on May 15 spoke in Virginia's reconstructed colonial capitol on the significance of the Virginia Resolution for American Independence. The documents on loan from the National Archives and the New York Public Library were displayed on the speaker's platform. The President later received an honorary degree from the College of William and Mary, and attended the inauguration of Alvin D. Chandler as president of the college.

The Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities held its annual meeting in May, when one of the features of the meeting was a special open house at *Rock Hall*, an eighteeenth century restored mansion that has been opened to the public as the Town of Hempstead museum. Hardinge Scholle, Consultant, represented the National Trust at the opening.

Lawrence Gouverneur Hoes, President of the James Monroe Memorial Foundation, by a decree of the President of the Republic of France on February 17, was made a Chevalier of the National Order of the Legion of Honor, "as a token of gratitude for his devoted efforts to keep alive the memory of French-American brotherhood in the War of Independence."

At the request of Leo Litwin, president of the Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, sample copies of their illustrated quarterly, *Bridge Topics*, will be mailed to all member organizations.

During the last quarter, the following organizations have joined the Trust: ULSTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, KINGSTON, (N.Y.), THE WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY, NAVAL HISTORICAL FOUNDATION (D.C.), GEORGIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION, WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Ohio).

DESTRUCTION

New York, N. Y.—Writing in the *Times* for May 9, Edward Steese of the Municipal Art Society noted that only last summer he had reported what he thought was a hopeful awakening of interest in preservation of the city's architectural landmarks. A survey completed last year in collaboration with the Society of Architectural Historians recorded and rated buildings whose preservation should be assured if possible. Within less than a year 10% of them had been radically altered or demolished, others are on the doomed list. Lost: Gibson's Chapel at Sailor's Snug Harbor, Empire Theatre, old Tiffany and Duveen Buildings, Marcy Avenue Baptist Church and Van Pelt Manor House.

Cleveland, Ohio—Civic leaders sat down to a banquet of bear meat, venison, quail, and wild turkey to celebrate opening of the Union Terminal the year after Abraham Lincoln's funeral train passed through to Illinois. The terminal was widely used by west-bound immigrants, and visitors were told it was the finest west of New York. Early Wagner sleeping cars, palace parlor cars, and coaches with stained glass windows rolled over its tracks, but by 1908 the city's papers called it "inadequate, filthy and unworthy," The Pennsylvania Railroad has announced its abandonment.

Chicago, Ill.—The historical marker where Mrs. O'Leary's cow, Madeline, kicked off Chicago's worst fire is going into temporary retreat. The plaque on the front of a 73-year old building reads, "The Great Fire of 1871 originated here and extended to Lincoln Park. Chicago Historical Society, 1881." After land in the area is cleared and the Land Clearance Commission lays out a proposed industrial area, they promise to find a way to replace the plaque at the O'Leary site, one of the site-seeing attractions of the city.

Tifton, Ga.—Once the fabled, four-story mansion house on five hundred acres of the Tift family plantation, *Cycloneta*, named for a noted storm that swept the area just before its construction, is being razed by its present owners to obtain materials for a modern house. Mirrored mantles, huge handhewn beams, and woodwork from a ballroom that covered the whole third floor, will be salvaged.

Sandy Hook, N. Y.—Since Revolutionary days the powerful Navesink Light has guided mariners into New York Harbor. Once the most powerful navigation beacon in the United States, it will be replaced by the Coast Guard with modern floating aids to navigation.

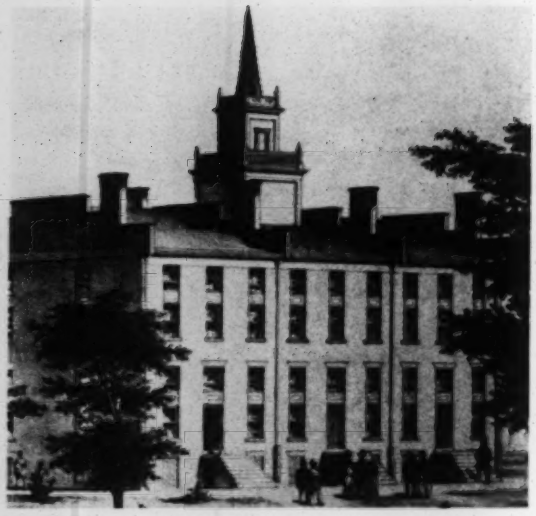
Adrien, Mich.—The 22-room Davenport Hotel, which included one of the oldest surviving residences in the city, will be razed to make way for a department store.

Detroit, Mich.—To provide additional transit loading room, Capital Park may be invaded. The Detroit *News* hopes that the Detroit Historical Commission will be successful in protecting the historic treasures of the area. These include the statue of Michigan's first governor, the first State House and first High School, as well as The Fountain—which the *News* says is a "nondescript mass of untidy masonry that is well on the way to becoming artifact, which Webster defines as *a product of simple primitive workmanship* . . . We suggest, even that they find a way to spare the fountain. As such things go, it is doubtful if there's another like it anywhere on earth."

Charleston, S. C.—Razing of the notable Chapel of the Orphan's Home (1802), one of the surviving fine examples of the work of Charleston's great architect, Gabriel Manigault, began June 23. A large mail order firm which operates a chain of retail outlets bought the Chapel and four acres of land of the former Orphan's Home from the city. The area is chiefly industrial, the old Orphan's Home was obsolete and unsuitable for city use, and the Chapel was no longer in use. Trust member organizations in the city were hoping to find some alternative to destruction, or the salvage at least of its fine interior woodwork when they were notified wrecking had begun. The Carolina Art Association reports that no measured drawings or other detailed documentary records of the Chapel have been made to their knowledge. The site of the Chapel will be part of a large customer parking area adjoining the store.

Chapel, Orphan's Home, Charleston, S. C. Charleston News & Courier

IN DANGER



South Hall, Wabash College, Ind., built 1835 by Town and Davis, will either be razed or renovated to something resembling this earliest view. Earl H. Reed, F.A.I.A., is being consulted on feasibility of preservation.

Yates Castle, Syracuse University, N. Y., designed by James Renwick, is slated to be razed in August. University authorities are making records and drawings of it. This is one of eight photographs made in 1860 given to the Trust by Mrs. William Poor Malloy, a Yates descendant.
Loring & Green

Gainesville, Ga.—Waters of the Buford Lake Dam will inundate the bottom lands of the old Boyd farm, covering two early Indian mounds and numerous Indian graves. The house stands on a knoll and was once a noted tavern on the old Federal Trail. If it is not inundated, it will have to be reached by a bridge from a nearby hill to the knoll on which it stands.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Bad steel used in the construction of the Sailor's Memorial Arch, the Civil War memorial at Grand Army Plaza, will have to be replaced and other emergency repairs made at a cost of $30,000 according to Park Department officials. The steel supports for the arch of famed MacMonnies' Chariot of Victory and Herald of Peace will be replaced, and although there is no immediate danger to the monument, delay in repairs would increase costs.

Washington, D. C.—Abraham Lincoln's summer White House, a modest gray stucco cottage on the grounds of the Soldiers' Home, still stands, but Senator Dirksen (R., Ill.) reports no effort has been made to restore it. He proposes that the building, now used for a combination dormitory and file storage quarters, and in danger of destruction by fire, should be made a Lincoln shrine by congressional action.

Providence, R. I.—Vandals have repeatedly damaged the old colonial King houses which were bequeathed to the city of Providence, subject to a life interest of a present tenant. Brush fires on adjoining city park property have also menaced the historic structures. Local authorities and the Preservation Society of Newport County are studying measures for increasing protection for the landmarks.

Sacramento, Calif.—One plan for the construction of the proposed Coloma Dam will inundate the Gold Discovery Site State Park, where on January 24, 1848, James W. Marshall discovered gold.

Chagrin Falls, Ohio—Construction of bridge approaches threatens to impinge upon the historic *Bentley* house, an early Greek revival mansion on the banks of Chagrin River. Morelan Hills and Cuyahoga Townships, where the proposed bridge and roadway construction will pass, have refused to grant permission, as required by Ohio's constitution, for the location, and are urging an alternate route that will spare *Bentley* and other early houses in the area.

Hagerstown, Md.—One of the town's most historic and distinguished houses, *Mount Prospect*, is for sale in a commercially valuable part of the city, and several offers have been made by gasoline stations. The house was built about 1789 by Nathaniel Rochester, founder of Rochester, N. Y. During the Civil War its owner, Mrs. Howard Kennedy, nursed back to health a young Union soldier wounded at the Battle of Antietam. Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, father of the young soldier, wrote of his visit to *Mount Prospect* in an essay, "My Search for the Captain," a captain who later became Justice Holmes of the U. S. Supreme Court.

Springfield, N. J.—The Cannon Ball House, still bearing in its walls scars of the Battle of Springfield, which until recent years was an antique shop, is now for sale. Members of the Church and Cannon Chapter of the D.A.R., and others have expressed concern for the future of the Revolutionary landmark and hope to find means to save it.